

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant submits herewith a copy of Figure 3 with proposed amendments in red.

The numeral 70 is redirected to indicate the correct surface. Applicant also submits a replacement sheet incorporating the proposed amendments.

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges that claims 27 and 29 are allowed.

The Restriction Requirement Is Maintained

The examiner maintains the restriction requirement, asserting that Applicant's remarks only discussed how the present invention is rekeyed and not how conventional rekeying methods would not work. In rekeying conventional lock cylinders, only two steps are required. First, the old pins are removed and, second, they are replaced with other pins to match the bitting on the new key. That's all there is to it. As soon as the new pins are installed, the cylinder is rekeyed and ready for use with the new key, and the old key is rendered obsolete. No other actions are required.

Replacing Components Will Not Rekey The Claimed Invention

Simply replacing components in the claimed lock with identical new components will not rekey the present invention. In fact, merely replacing the pins renders the lock unusable because additional steps are necessary to rekey the lock.

Before the components can be removed from the present invention, actuating pins 142 and 158 must be withdrawn to the position illustrated in Figure 3 to allow the pins 76, 78 to be removed and replaced. At this point, the two steps of the conventional rekeying process can be performed, i.e., first the pins 76, 78 are removed and, second, they are replaced with different pins. However, at this point,

the cylinder is in condition to be rekeyed, but is not rekeyed. In fact, the original key can still be used in the lock, so that clearly, it cannot be rekeyed using the conventional rekeying process.

In order to be rekeyed, three additional steps are required. First, the new key must be inserted in the cylinder; second, the cylinder must be rotated; and third, the actuation pins must be reset to the condition illustrated in Figure 7. The lock is not rekeyed until the actuating pins are reset. Thus, additional and necessary steps are required, and merely replacing components, as is done in conventional rekeying, will not rekey the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is clear that merely replacing components will not rekey the claimed lock. There are several necessary steps involved in rekeying the present invention that cannot be accomplished by merely replacing components, as suggested in the Restriction Requirement. Therefore, Applicant submits that the product cannot be used in a materially different process of using the product, such as rekeying the lock cylinder by removing the cylinder and replacing its components. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the claims of Group I.

The examiner objected to the specification because surface 216 cannot contact surface 70 as seen in Figure 3. Figure 3 is being amended to redirect the leader line from numeral 70, thereby obviating the objection, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the related objection.

In view of the above amendments and comments, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Veltman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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